**Know the hidden hazards at
your workplace.**

**Do you know what you’re breathing in?**

Not all workplace hazards can be seen. Dusts, gases, fumes and vapours are often invisible, but breathing them in can damage the lungs and cause serious diseases like silicosis, lung cancer, emphysema and chronic pulmonary obstructive disease.

A new campaign from Safe Work Australia is highlighting the hidden hazards that can cause occupational lung diseases.

The **Clean Air. Clear Lungs.** campaign aims to increase awareness of occupational lung diseases and help businesses to understand what they must do to meet their work health and safety duties and keep workers safe.As part of the campaign, Safe Work Australia has developed a suite of practical resources, including:

* information sheets for the ##### industry on identifying hazards, managing risks, and monitoring and review
* practical checklists
* case studies
* animations, infographics and posters
* translated information in languages other than English

In the past decade over 6,000 claims workers’ compensation claims for occupational lung diseases were made and over the past few years, workers’ compensation claims for occupational lung diseases have nearly doubled. Whilst this increase can be explained in part due to new screening regimes implemented in the states and territories leading to an increase in diagnosed cases and early identification of disease, the incidence of some occupational lung diseases may also be increasing.

To find out more about occupational lung diseases and how you can help to increase awareness, download the **Clean Air. Clear Lungs.** resources, go to the website: **swa.gov.au/clearlungs**